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**-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of international application PCT/EP00/08774 filed on September 8, 2000, the international application not being published in English. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to DE 199 44 528.1 filed on September 17, 1999.

On page 1, on a separate line after the above inserted paragraph and before line 1, please insert the following header:

**-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION -- .**

On page 2, on a separate line between lines 17 and 18, please insert the following header:  
**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.**

On page 3, on a separate line between lines 4 and 5, please insert the following header:  
**-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --.**

On page 22, line 1, please delete the heading "CLAIMS" and insert therefor:  
**-- What is claimed is: --**

On a separate page, after page 23, please insert the enclosed Abstract of the Disclosure.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 1 to 17, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims: